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VERY LATEST.

SOUTH AFRICA.

British Wade That River Again.

Special to THE TELEGRAPH.

LONDON, England, Feb. 9.—A dispatch dated at Boer Laager, February 8, says that the British forces which were in position at Moler's Drift, have abandoned it after a bombardment by the Boers and have recrossed the Tigris River to their former position.

KENTUCKY'S TROUBLE.

Governor Taylor Absent.

Special to THE TELEGRAPH.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Feb. 9.—Governor Taylor was not present when Judge Cantrell called for the injunction proceedings in court. The hearing was postponed until Tuesday of next week.

THIEF IN HARD LUCK.

Met at City Limits By Sheriff McGowan.

Fred Johnson, at least that is the name he gives, stole a bicycle in Sterling about noon today and started for Dixon on the Northwestern railroad track. To get possession of the wheel he had given a small boy a nickel to go and get "his wheel" from in front of the store. He had ridden but a short distance when he punctured a tire and had to walk shoving the wheel along. At the city limits he was met by Sheriff McGowan who arrested him and put him in jail to await the arrival of Sterling's chief of police on the afternoon train. The man says he was in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, last, but has recently come thru from the Pacific Coast. He had hoped to sell the wheel in Dixon for enough to get to Chicago.

Sheriff McGowan received notice from Sterling of the theft and went out to meet him; a reception committee of one, as it were.

Evangelistic Meetings Next Week.

Union services of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Evangelical churches will be held commencing on Monday of next week. The services of Messrs. Potter and Billhorn have been secured. Mr. Potter is a Methodist layman, a business man of Chicago, who has given much time to evangelistic work. He conducted a most successful series of meetings in this city some thirteen years ago. Mr. Billhorn is a Baptist layman, a business man of Chicago and is widely known as an acceptable gospel singer. These gentlemen will reach our city on Thursday next, and at their request services will be held on Monday evening in the Methodist church, Rev. Cryor to preach; Tuesday evening in the Baptist church, Rev. Fickbeiner to preach and on Wednesday in the Presbyterian church when the pastor the Baptist church will preach. The services of Thursday and Friday evenings will be held in the Methodist church.

Surprised.

Surprises on Hennepin avenue still surprise. In order that Annie Coffee at 309 Hennepin avenue might get even with one of her young friends, she planned a surprise on Carrie N. Osborn for last evening, she being persuaded to go to the Baptist sociable in company with a sister and neighbor companion. But one had forgotten some wearing apparel and called in for same, when twenty-five of her associates surprised her completely. Games were greatly enjoyed. Supper was served with the assistance of neighbors; then all retired at 11:30, well satisfied with the social time had.

He Talked Too Much.

Constable Oscar G. Smith of Nachusa this morning arrested L. L. March of that township and brought him to Justice H. R. Bartlett's court this city charged with disturbing the peace and using profane language. The trouble occurred at the March schoolhouse east of this city, and it was with the school teacher that he had the trouble. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine and costs amounting to \$14.55.

More Candidates.

Residents of the Third ward are uneasy because that ward is below the average in its supply of candidates for the office of Alderman, so it is hoped that Louis Stephan, jr., will become a candidate.

NEW DRUG FIRM.

Leake Bros. Buy Out D. S. Horton.

A business deal was consummated last evening which places two young men of Dixon in charge of a long established drug store in our city. This transaction was the purchase by Frank and Charles Leake of the drug stock of D. S. Horton. The new firm will be known as Leake Bros. and they take up the business with excellent prospects of success, for they are young men who readily make acquaintances and have been before our people in a business way long enough to prove their reliability and accommodativeness.

Frank Leake has been prescription clerk for Mr. Horton for some time past. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Pharmacy and has had three or four years experience in a Chicago drug store.

For a little over three years Charles Leake has been clerking in the book and news rooms of Lew E. Edwards and has made many friends while there. The services of a registered prescription clerk will be added to the clerking force and the stock will be enlarged and a nice line of sundries and stationery included.

Mr. Horton will be greatly missed in business circles. He has been in Dixon for the past fifteen years and for thirteen years has conducted the drug store which he now transfers. He has confined himself very closely to his business and feels that a rest will be good for him. He has made no definite plans for the future and after collecting the bills now standing on his books will take life easy for the remainder of this year.

ROUGH PLAY.

Friends of Clarence Reynolds Badly Frightened Last Night.

The cold snap did not effect the increasing flow of water in Rock River. Last night at 11 o'clock the water was so high that the power at the Reynold's Wire factory was stopped. When this took place the employees rested from their labor and two young men, brothers, Clarence and Elmer Reynolds, nephews of Messrs. Horace and Elmer Reynolds, put on the boxing gloves for a friendly bout. In the play Elmer struck Clarence a powerful blow on the neck which felled him to the floor insensible.

It was thought that his neck had been broken. His relatives and Drs. H. E. Paine and A. L. Miller were immediately summoned and the boy was taken to the hospital. He recovered consciousness this morning, but while still ill, today he is much better and was removed to his home.

TRAGIC DEATH.

Eddie Conery Shot While Rabbit Hunting.

Eddie Conery, an Albany, Whiteside county, young man, met a tragic death Tuesday while rabbit hunting. He was in company with several others, a step-brother, Chas. Johnson, being one of the number. In some manner Johnson's gun was accidentally discharged, the load striking Conery in the head. The young man died Wednesday afternoon without regaining consciousness. The gun was heavily loaded with No. 4 shot. The deceased was a highly respected young man and his death is deeply mourned.

An Exodus.

J. C. McMahan, Reuben Shilts and Henry Rock and their families departed for their new homes in Iowa the first of the week. Messrs. Shilts and Rock loaded their effects on the cars at Pawpaw, while Mr. McMahan loaded at Earlville. The two former go to the neighborhood of Algona, Ia., and the latter to Thornton. This moving takes a number of Wyoming's best citizens, and their friends wish them success in the west.—Lee Co. Times.

Boer War in City Council.

Alderman Walsh, in the Ottawa city council read a resolution sympathizing with the Boers and their fight against the English, and urging the mayor to call a public meeting of citizens for the purpose of raising funds for the field corps. Ald. Hazlett jumped to his feet at the conclusion of the reading of the resolution and said the city council was elected to transact the business of Ottawa and not to meddle with the affairs of South Africa, and he moved to lay the resolution on the table. Ald. Blanchard seconded the motion and the only aldermen voting nay were Walsh and Monroe.

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Gold Medal Flour, finest spring patent, per barrel.....	4.00
Crosby's 3A Flour, finest winter patent, per sack.....	1.00
Crosby's 3A Flour, finest winter patent, per barrel.....	3.90
Best Rolled Oats, 13 pounds for	.25
Sack Corn Meal.....	.10
Our 25c Mocha and Java Coffee, 44 pounds for.....	1.00
Best H. and E. Fine Gragulated Sugar, 18 pounds for.....	1.00
Armour's Star Hams, per pound.....	.124
Armour's Best Bacon, per pound.....	.11
Oranges, per dozen.....	.10
Good Prunes, 6 pounds for.....	.25

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Rowland Bros.

—A. O. U. W. meet tonight.

—Good Templars meet tonight.

—Minnie Belle Rebekah Lodge meets tonight.

—The "Swishes" dance tonight and all their friends dance with them.

—Fred H. Clarke is now behind the counters at Low E. Edwards' store. He is a gentleman whom everyone enjoys coming in contact with.

—Miss Lella Stephens came home yesterday and Miss Bess Morrison is expected today from the Wisconsin University at Madison for a visit.

—Miss Katie Newrauter has returned to Dixon from a several months visit in LaCrosse, Wis.

—The weather bureau promised a change of 50 degrees in the temperature in twenty-four hours. It came, and 8 more with it: from 57.5 above to one-half degree below zero this morning.

—According to his own confession, Aguilardo is a traitor: according to the statements of his friends he is a murderer, and according to the word of Admiral Dewey, he is a liar. Materials for a character study of the Washington of the Philippines are accumulating fast.

—Morrison has a fine water works system that is more than paying for itself. The total receipts from water rentals are about \$5000. The annual interest on the water works bonds is \$1,450, and after this is paid out of the \$5000, plenty will remain to pay the running expenses of the system.

—Belvidere is stirred up over the disappearance of a young girl, named Jennie Siley. The child, who is only fourteen years old, left home a week ago, saying she was going to the place where she was working, and nothing has been seen of her since. She had no money and no cause for her leaving is known.

—A Macomb attorney who deals in notes, mortgages, etc., was called on by a revenue agent and asked to show his license as a broker. Of course he had no license, as he did not consider himself a broker, and the officer said he would have to report him to the authorities. The Macomb man proposes to contest the case.

—The Kansas City Journal says that a college boy and his best girl were out driving one afternoon. They had come upon a fine stretch of road.

"Do you believe in palmistry," said he, "the reading of one's hand?" "I believe," she replied, "that if I could see the lines in one of your hands I could foretell that we would have a very pleasant drive."

He grasped the lines in one hand and the—situation in the other.

Spelling.

For some time The News has reformed in the matter of spelling.

Several other papers took the matter up at about the same time.

We had a great deal of fun poked at us, which is all right, when we consider that the majority of the people were with us.

The State Teachers' Association took the matter up last week, at their meeting at Springfield.

The Association adopted the following resolution: Resolved, that we, the teachers of Illinois, in convention assembled and representing nearly double the largest average attendance at the yearly meetings of the National Educational Association from any one State, do hereby memorialize the National Educational Association and its board of directors to appropriate the sum of \$1,000 each year for the next five years to be expended in promoting the cause of simplifying our English spelling. Under the direction of a commission of three members to be appointed by said Association.

The Princeton public schools adopted a reform system some time ago.

Prof. Hussey of the Geneseo public school favors reform in spelling, and has taken steps to introduce it in the Geneseo schools.

The right way is to begin at the fountainhead, and print the dictionaries in a reformed spelling.

There is no sense in the laborious and foolish spelling of many of our English words. The utterly useless "ugh" should be dropped entirely. As Editor Pettit of the Reynolds Press remarks "it is an ugly combination anyhow."

There are hundreds of words that are being spelt in the old anteek manner of the Pilgrims. Everything else since then has been reformed.

Why not spelling?

Here is the word tisk, a disease. It is spelt phthisic. That is worse than the disease.

Luelen, a name, is spelt Llewellyn. Life is too short for this.

We study economy in everything.

Why not spelling. What's the sense in firing half the alphabet into a word, when quarter of it will do?

Let the newspapers and magazines just cut loose from the dictionaries, and those stupendous, under-headed old dictionaries will follow suit.—Geneseo News.

COURT WILL DECIDE.

Judge Taft, of Cincinnati, is Asked to Settle the Election Controversy.

REPUBLICANS APPEAR IN COURT

And Ask for a Restraining Order Against the Election Board

And the Contestants for State Offices Other Than Governor and Lieutenant Governor—Funeral Services of Goebel Are Held in Frankfort—Dead Man's Brother Issues an Address—Acts of the Legislative Session at London Are Kept Secret.

Cincinnati, Feb. 9.—Judge William H. Taft, who has just been appointed as president of the new Philippine commission, yesterday gave notice to counsel that on next Monday at 2 p. m. he would hear arguments on the petition of the state officers of Kentucky other than governor and lieutenant governor for a restraining order against the three members of the Kentucky state board of election commissioners and the contestants for state offices other than those of governor and lieutenant governor.

Will Not Conflict with Agreement. The legislature in Kentucky hears and decides contests for governor and lieutenant governor, but the contests for other state officers come before the state board of election commissioners, sitting as a contest board, and in which said board has final jurisdiction. This petition for an injunction against the present state board of election commissioners and the Democratic contestants for minor state offices is therefore not one affecting Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall and will not conflict with the conferences for an agreement that were begun at Louisville last Monday and which are still in progress at that city and at Frankfort.

Will Hear Arguments Feb. 12. Bradley and Mackoy called on Judge Taft yesterday. After a conference of less than an hour the judge announced that he would hear arguments on the petition on Monday, Feb. 12, at 2 p. m., and that the defendants and their counsel should be furnished with copies of the petition in the meantime. It is understood that the petitions recite the history of the election of last November, in the case of each of the state minor officers, the returns from 119 county boards and the canvassing of the same by the state board, the issuing of certificates of election to the incumbents by said state board, the subsequent reorganization of the state board which canvassed the vote before it met as a board of contest and about all that has gone on in the political controversies of Kentucky this year.

May Change Petition Before Monday. Several copies have been made of the petition for counsel on both sides and one of the reasons for not giving it out last night is that there may be changes in it before next Monday. The attorneys continued their consultation here during the night and were making elaborate interlineations. They will take copies with them and other changes may be made as late as Monday morning. The attorneys all stated that they would leave this morning, some for Frankfort and some for Louisville, and others for their respective homes, and they all expect to return here on Monday when there will be a large number of attorneys in the United States court on both sides. It is understood that Bradley, Wilson and Mackoy will make arguments for the plaintiffs. The counsel for the state board of elections and the Democratic contestants is not as yet known.

SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Branches Meet in Secret and Give Out No News.

London, Ky., Feb. 9.—At 1:05 p. m. the senate in executive session adjourned until today noon. The senators would not reveal what had transpired other than that no resolutions were adopted. At 1:10 p. m. the house executive session ended and an open session was resumed. The following telegram from Frankfort was read: "Taylor has not signed; some say he will not; Collier is purchasing ammunition." At 1:15 p. m. the house adjourned until 10 o'clock today.

The members of the house absolutely refused to say what had taken place in the secret meeting. The senate required six more for a quorum. It is understood that the sergeant-at-arms have been furnished lists of absentees to be sent for. Both houses appointed committees to draft resolutions on the death of former Representative Speed Smith, of Richmond.

ISSUES AN OPEN LETTER.

Justin Goebel Wants the People to Fight for His Brother's Principles.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—Justin Goebel last night issued the following open letter: "My Friends—In closing these last sad rites, and before the mortal remains of the kindest, gentlest, most loving of sons and brothers be consigned to their final resting place, I want to say a last word. Your friend, my brother, lies dead before you, murdered for his devotion to the cause of the people.

"Should not Kentucky now and here swear by his blood that her sons will see justice done to those concerned in his foul taking off? If you fail in this then your laws are dead letters. If he could speak he would say now, as oft before, 'Let the law take its course.' Will designing men of high station be permitted to use the ignorant outlaws to further their ambitions and when that ambition is disappointed turn red-handed murder loose under the very roof of the executive mansion?"

"Should the guilty in high places be uncovered? Shall the honor of your state be restored? Or shall his life blood spilt on your capital square be dried up by the sun, washed away by the rains and his life sacrifice be forgotten? Measured by the highest standard of man, the grandest tribute possible to be paid him, to whom you have been so loyal, is to fight for the

principles for which he laid down his life as he fought for them."

SERVICES OVER GOEBEL.

Are Held in the Frankfort Cemetery in a Drizzling Rain.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 9.—Rain came down in sheets yesterday while the funeral services were being held over the body of Kentucky's dead Democratic leader. The morning dawned dark, and threatening, but at 9 o'clock the clouds cleared away and the sun came out bright and brilliant, and there was every promise of a pleasant day. The prospect was short-lived, however, for just as the hour for the formation of the funeral procession arrived the rain began to fall slowly at first, but with ever-increasing rapidity, until shortly after the hour of noon, when the parade was on the march, the flood began to descend.

There were dry intervals but after them the water came again with increased violence and just as the hearse left the Capitol hotel a heavy shower began which continued all through the afternoon. The exercises in the cemetery were conducted before a crowd much smaller than would have been the case had the weather been pleasant, but they were carried out to the letter, and last night the body of William Goebel laid in the chapel of the Frankfort cemetery after one of the greatest funeral demonstrations ever seen in this state. As soon as the weather clears sufficiently the casket will be consigned to the grave. It had been feared that there might arise trouble between the soldiers in the capital grounds and Democratic partisans in the line of march when the parade passed the capitol square, but nothing of the kind occurred. The soldiers were kept back on the level with the front of the capitol building, and a line of sentries was posted in front of them to prevent them from going near the fence on the south side of the ground at the time the parade was passing the square.

DISCLAIMS BAD FAITH.

Bradly Says Minor State Candidates Were Not Parties to the Agreement.

Louisville, Feb. 9.—The Commercial last night received a telegram from ex-Governor Bradley disclaiming bad faith on the part of the minor state officials in regard to the agreement now under consideration by Governor Taylor in regard to governor and lieutenant governor. The telegram follows: "Cincinnati, Feb. 8.—Minor candidates all say they were not parties to any agreement, either in person or by attorneys, and that any charge of bad faith is untrue and without the slightest foundation. They were not even consulted about the agreement now proceeding between the claimants for governor and lieutenant governor."

STEAMER ASHORE.

Gate City Goes on a Reef on the Shoals of Long Island.

New York, Feb. 9.—The steamship Gate City, of the Ocean Steamship company, went on the outer bar three miles east of the Moriches life saving station, Long Island, about 9 o'clock last night. There was a dense fog at the time, and it is said the steamer was driven hard into the sand of the outer shoal. At present she is lying easy in a comparatively easy position.

The Gate City had on board forty-nine persons, three of whom were women. When she went aground her whistle signalled to the life saving station, and the crew at once launched a surf boat. They found the vessel in no great danger, but the captain of the life savers volunteered to take off the passengers. The women were taken to the beach and given possession of the station house.

The surf boat immediately put out again to the stranded steamer with the intention of bringing any of the male passengers ashore that desired to be taken off the steamer. The Gate City is lying in the sand in a sea that is steadily rising. There is danger from the dense fog, and the steamer would be in a dangerous position in case of a storm.

Will Take a Vacation.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Secretary Root stated yesterday that the war department has never considered the subject of relieving General Otis at Manila. The foundation for the report to the contrary was a personal letter from the officer, signifying a desire to obtain a leave of absence to come home and recuperate from the debilitating effects of the two years in a tropical climate under severe strain. It is said that General Otis' wishes will be respected as soon as made known officially, but that he will not start home ward for several months at least.

Molieux Case Adjourned.

New York, Feb. 9.—The case of Roland B. Molieux, charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, did not go to the jury as had been hoped. Juror Mannheim Brown, whose illness had already delayed the trial two weeks, was taken ill with indigestion at the noon recess yesterday and was unable to return to the court during the afternoon. His illness is not serious, however, and the trial will go on today, in all likelihood.

Bryan Speaks at Burlington.

Burlington, N. J., Feb. 9.—Bryan was enthusiastically greeted by a large crowd and a brass band. He was entertained at dinner by the reception committee, after which he rested for half an hour. Rises hall, where Bryan spoke yesterday afternoon, was jammed with people long before he made his appearance on the platform, and many persons were unable to gain admittance.

Hanged for Murder.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 9.—William Truesdale, colored, was hanged in the jail yard here yesterday for the murder of his sweetheart a year ago. He had to be taken to the scaffold, being overcome with fright. He protested his innocence to the last.

Transport St. Paul Arrives.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The United States transport St. Paul arrived yesterday from Manila, from which port she sailed Jan. 14. The St. Paul brought five passengers.

Five Outlaws Captured.

Ardmore, I. T., Feb. 9.—Five of the men who escaped from the federal jail at Paul's Valley Wednesday were brought here yesterday, having been captured near Center.

MERRICK DISAPPEARS

Trusted Employee of the Secretary of State's Office Suddenly Leaves Springfield.

GAMBLING CAUSES HIS DOWNFALL.

Missing Witnesses in the Carterville Riot Case Report—Pawnee Merchant Disappears from Home—Practice Commission Is in Session at Springfield—Armed Bandits Make a Raid on a Depot—Smallpox Is Reported at Unionville.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 9.—Gambling dens and saloons caused the downfall of Edward Merrick, a high and respected employee in the office of Secretary of State James A. Rose, and he is now a fugitive. Merrick left Springfield last week, but an endeavor has been made to keep the matter quiet. Saturday he telegraphed his wife from Chicago as follows: "Goodbye, Boots. I leave tonight for New York and from there sail for Paris."

A Responsible Employee. Since Secretary Rose began his administration, Merrick has held a responsible position, being assistant to Chief Clerk Clannahan. His salary was \$1,900 per annum, with a neat little annuity of \$300 or more from foreign corporations, he being a corporation lawyer and a man of experience and ability.

Began Drinking Heavily.

Some time before entering upon his position here Merrick took the Keeley cure and has carefully kept in the straight and narrow path until the latter part of last week, when he began drinking heavily. It is claimed that he has lost his salary, and all the money he could borrow from friends, at gambling. Merrick's accounts in the secretary of state's office have been gone over and are correct. Several days ago Colonel J. Mack Tanner gave him \$400 to be placed in the vault in the office. Merrick took the key to this vault away with him, but the lock has been broken and the money found safe on the inside. Creditors are looking to Mrs. Merrick for payment of various large bills. Merrick's former home was at Nashville, Ills. Previous to receiving his appointment in the office of the secretary of state, Merrick was the law partner of William Foreman, the last gold Democratic nominee for Governor.

MISSING WITNESSES REPORT.

Prosecution in Carterville Riot Case Receives a Surprise.

Vienna, Ills., Feb. 9.—In the Carterville riot case, where twelve union miners are charged with the murder of five negroes on the streets of that city Sept. 17 last, State's Attorney R. R. Fowler yesterday asked the court that a continuance be granted the prosecution on the ground that four witnesses—V. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott and Oras Williams—could not be secured. The court gave the prosecution until this morning to file its affidavits. A few hours later V. W. Williams and son, Oras Williams, arrived in the city, much to the surprise of the state. The defense was informed last night that Elliott and his wife were both in Herrin, and that Elliott was at work at the Herrin mine and would be in court today.

MERCHANT DISAPPEARS.

Pawnee Man Wanders Off and It Is Feared He Will Die of Exposure.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 9.—Charles E. Maddy, a merchant of Pawnee, late of Wilt, Montgomery county, has been missing from home since early yesterday morning. Up to a late hour last night the searching party had not found him.

As he has been acting queerly the past few days it is feared he is insane and has wandered off and will die of exposure to the bitterly cold weather.

Practice Commission in Session.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 9.—The practice commission provided for by the last general assembly to revise the act governing the practice of law is in session here. The commission has decided practically not to recommend the adoption of a code, but to make changes along the line of the existing provisions, among the changes being: the limitation on writs of error to one year; provision for alias writs of attachments; limiting appeals to the appellate court to cases involving a certain sum, providing that appeals from justices shall go to the county courts, and raising the limit of jurisdiction of the appellate court.

Wholesale House Changes Owners.

Quincy, Ills., Feb. 9.—The newly organized Quincy Grocer company yesterday bought out the stock and business and building of the Warfield Grocer company, one of the oldest and largest wholesale houses in the state outside of Chicago. The business was established forty years ago.

Armed Bandits Raid a Depot.

Abingdon, Ills., Feb. 9.—The Burlington depot here was robbed by two men yesterday morning. The thieves drew revolvers and drove W. F. Easton, night operator, and a student who was with him, into a freight car and locked them in. The robbers then blew open the safe and secured \$110.

Smallpox at Unionville.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 9.—An alarming report has been received from Unionville, Massac county, where there are said to be more than twenty-five cases of smallpox. It is stated that no efforts are being made to quarantine the patients.

College Has New President.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 9.—Professor R. E. Heironymus has been elected president of Eureka college, vice Dr. J. H. Hardin, resigned. Dr. Hardin's resignation takes effect at the close of the present college year.

First Lieutenant Resigns.

Springfield, Ills., Feb. 9.—Adjutant General Reece has issued an order accepting the resignation of Charles C. Ames, first lieutenant and aid-de-camp, First brigade.

The French government has ordered the prosecution of several religious orders, including that of the Sacred Heart.

WORST KIND OF CASE.

We Will Tell You 'f You Will Believe it.

The experience of Well Known Persons Ought Surely to be Convincing.

We ask you to read the following statement from a well known citizen because he suffered from one of the worst kind of cases of backache and kidney disorders and was cured by the use of Morrow's Kidneoids. If you are in the least way troubled with a weak back or disordered kidneys, use Morrow's Kidneoids; they cure every time. Here is what John Hardon of Ottawa, who is a tailor by occupation, has to say: "I have been a resident of Ottawa for over twenty-five years. It is no secret among my friends that I have had fearful trouble with my back. My condition has been so serious at times that I have been unable to sew on account of the troublesome pain in the small of my back in the region of my kidneys. I have been treated for this trouble, but the best I got out of it was only a few years relief until I got a box of Morrow's Kidneoids and used them just as directed, and today I stand a well, strong man."

It is our aim to help the sick, and for that reason we publish the statements of the people in different parts of the country who have used Morrow's Kidneoids for backache, sleeplessness, nervousness and urinary trouble, and the afflicted may know that there is a remedy that will cure such ailments. Morrow's Kidneoids will cure, a trial convinces.

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Bargains at Ayres' big closing out sale now going on at 170 Galena avenue, Dixon, Illinois. We still have some good things left in Blankets, Robes, Fur Coats, Single and Double Harness, Gloves, Mitts and Saddles. If in need of repairs such as Snaps, Cockup Staples, &c. Come in while the stock is good. Everything AT COST. Our line of Collars, Whips and Trunks is full. Buy before stock is broken. Remember, everything goes at COST.

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DIXON, ILL., FEBRUARY 9, 1900.
Beat Chicago Fakirs.

A Lena gentleman who visits in Warren quite frequently was telling the other evening how he beat a trio of Chicago sharps at their own game, says the Warren Sentinel.

He said he was approached by a man who called him by name and claimed to have seen him frequently at Lena. He said he had relatives at Lena and gave the names of several parties whom the Lena man knew. At last he asked the Lena man to go with him to the office where he had some samples of woolen goods and to take some samples to his relative in Lena as he was going to make him a present of a suit of clothes.

"I went with him," said our friend, "and he took me to a large room where they had a large book of samples. He introduced me to the manager, and just as the manager asked to be excused and stepped out, a fellow dressed as a south-erner came in saying he had lost forty or fifty dollars but he had got their game all right. The fellow I came with wanted to know what their game was and the new comer pulled out 3 cards and proceeded to show him. They be-came interested and bet considerable money and wanted me to hold the money. I refused and then they wanted me to bet, but I told them I only had two dollars with me. They had up a wad of money when the manager returned and he made a big fuss about their making a gambling shop of his premises and ordered them out. They gathered up their money, hurriedly left the room, the manager at the same time telling me to wait a minute. After they had gone a short time he turned to me and said: 'You better go now, but don't run; if you run you are liable to be arrested.' Outside the door I stopped and looking the fellow in the eye said: 'Those fellows have got all my money, about fifty dollars, and I'm dead broke. You've got your game worked down pretty slick. Can't you let me have a dollar to get out of town with?' He looked at me as if in pity, smiled in a knowing way, and handed me a bright silver dollar. I took it and didn't waste any time in getting away from there."

Warned by Those About to Die.

Camile Flammarion, in French peri-odicals, asked the people to answer the following question: Have you ever had, while awake, the impression of having seen a human being and had that impression coincide with the time of the death of that person? The as-tronomer tells the result of his investi-gation in the Nouvelle Revue. He had 4,280 responses, of which 2,450 were negative and 1,814 affirmative. Of the affirmative replies he examined 712 who recited 1,120 cases, all of which he regards as authentic. In his article M. Flammarion merely gives the ex-periences of the subjects as related to him and does not attempt to account for the premonitions. It might be said, however, that the fact that 40 per cent of those who wrote to him had had telepathic experiences does not indi-cate such an average among the hu-man family. The three periodicals whose readers he asked for informa-tion, have a large circulation, and it is safe to say that every reader who had had premonitions of the death of a friend wrote to Flam-marion, while others would not regard it as worth while.

The Gamblers Again.

In my hand a small hand rested,
Small and fair,
Light my fingers firm did hold it,
Light as air,
Then I dropped it, for 'twas only
Just two pair.

—Harlem Life.

Edward Sprecher was one of the young men found by Sheriff McGowan in a gambling place one night a week or more ago. Yesterday he was ar-raigned before Justice J. L. Gray and asked for a continuance until next Monday to consult a lawyer. M. Cal-lahan went on his bond of \$100.

Library Open.

The public Library will be open for return of books Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 to 12 a. m., 1 to 6 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m.

No books will be given out until all books and library rooms have been fu-migated.

An immediate return of all books is desired.

E. C. PARSONS, Sec.

"Human Hearts"

Reserved Seat Sale will open at Todd's store Friday evening, February 16th.

GALENA HAS A HEAVY FLOOD.

River Overflows Its Banks and People Go About in Skiffs—Damage by Water.

GALENA, Ill., Feb. 8.—The rains of Wednesday night and Thursday morn-ing swelled the river so that it over-flowed its banks, covered the railroad tracks, rendered all streets from Main street to the river impassable, filled all the cellars, and put out the fires in the furnaces, causing much damage to merchandise. The people who were upon the streets were compelled to use skiffs and improvised rafts.

The horses in livery stables had to be removed to places of safety on the hills and some of them barely escaped drowning before they were rescued. The high streets are lined with wrecked carriages, disabled horses, water-soaked provisions, and presents an array of discordant sights.

During the day labor has been in great demand and as high as \$2 an hour was paid for men to rescue cargoes of submerged goods and convey them to places of safety. The damage to the city and railroad will be considerable, the bridges crossing the river being injured by the pressure of water and floating ice. Two miles below the city the ice is gorged and is piled up forty feet high.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 8.—A remark-ably heavy rainfall has caused Kent and Keith Creeks to overrun their banks, driving a number of families from their homes and flooding the basements of store buildings and fac-tories. Emil Endter, with his team, was swept into the flood from a high way, but was rescued and will recover.

PECULIAR AFFLICTION.

Case of William Felting of Cambridge Baffling Many Physicians.

Baffling to all the physicians who have seen the case is the condition of Wm Felting of Cambridge. Five years ago last summer he was unable to get help to stack his grain so was compelled to do all the work himself. It was a hot day and every time he would stack a load of grain he would jump into a cold spring of water nearby. He took seventeen plunges, with the result that all the pores of the skin became stopped and for five years he has been unable to perspire except above the neck. The most peculiar feature of the case however, is the action of the skin. If it is scratched in any way a large white welt at once appears, re-maining for half an hour or more. The editor of the Chronicle at Cam-bridge took the blunt end of a pen and outlined his name on Mr. Felting's arm, with the result that large white welts about the size of a small lead pencil soon raised, showing the name as clearly as if printed on the skin. Chicago specialists have failed to effect a cure.

PROBATE COURT.

Work Done by Judge Farrand.

Will of Thomas Killack, deceased, filed. Petition for probate of same set for hearing on March 5.

Emil Pressler, naturalized.

J. A. Rueler appointed guardian of minor child of Thomas Daly, deceased. Bond approved.

A praesement bill and widow's award and inventory approved in estate of William Dunkelberger, deceased.

Inventory approved in estate of Margaret McTague, deceased.

Inventory approved in estate of Thomas Sheehan, deceased.

Will of Dora A. Baird, deceased, re-corded.

Illinois Central's Entry into St. Paul.

Reports have been revived to the ef-fect that the Illinois Central road has about completed an arrangement with the Minneapolis and St. Louis, where-by it will secure an entry into St. Paul. It is further said that the Illinois Central is now arranging a schedule for both freight and passenger trains be-tween Chicago and the twin cities. While the officials of that road are not yet ready to announce their intentions in the matter, it has been taken as a fact for some months that it is a ques-tion of a very short time when an ar-rangement of this kind will be fully ef-fected.

A rumor also comes from what pur-ports to be a good source that the Central railroad is the present owner of the Omaha terminal bridge and terminal, having bought the same some time ago. If this be true it would fully ex-plain why the Illinois Central did not enter Omaha over the Union Pacific bridge, using the Terminal bridge in-stead.

Presence of Mind.

It behooves the people of Lee county to preserve their presence of mind. Be calm and take plenty of rest and sleep. Our quota on allowance of patients at the Elgin hospital for the insane is more than filled, as two pa-tients would have been sent back with Sheriff McGowan on his last visit had it not been stormy weather.

Advance Sale of New Spring Wash Goods!

Comprising the cream of the markets. Swivel Silk Gingham, Madras Cloth, French Gingham, Corded Gingham, Precalles, White Goods.

Ladies' Muslin Underwear,
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Our Men's \$3.00 and \$3.50 Shoes Reduced to \$2.75 and \$3.00.

Owing to the mild weather and late shipments we have a big stock of men's winter weight shoes on hand which must be moved quickly, with a re-duced price as an attraction. Men's Black and Tan, double sole Goodyear Welted Shoes, with leather or drill linings, a variety of lasts and all sizes, at \$2.75 and \$3.00, instead of \$3.00 and \$3.50. You can't make a better investment than a pair of these shoes, whether for present or future use. Many of the shoes included in this sale cannot be made today at the prices we are offering them.

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One of the most attractive of our 30 styles is our "ATHENS" MODEL. A boot that gives the foot a long, shapely appearance, with extra length at the toe. A most comfortable shoe as well as strikingly handsome in its line. Button and Lace. Every style for Street, Dress, House, Outing.

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Your home will be more comfortable if heated by the Hot Water System of Heating.

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—Mrs. F. E. Stiteley is ill.
—C. E. Bates is up from Mendota.
—J. A. Tobin is here from Amboy.
—Mrs. Charles Thomas is very ill.
—L. O. Brown of Chicago is in town.
—Ross Bowles is in Chicago today.
—Harry Wheeler is some better today.
—L. J. Frye was in Sterling yesterday.
—Rehearsal of "Captain Racket" this evening.
—Frank Ryan was here last evening from Freeport.
—E. A. Goldman of Sterling spent yesterday in Dixon.
—Mrs. Morton Trout of Whiting, Ind., is visiting in Dixon.
—J. Camp Dean of Janesville, Wisconsin, is at Hotel Bishop.
—Miss Nellie Thomas is home from Chicago for a few days visit.
—Chas. Franklin and Frank Cahill were in Sterling last evening.
—Samuel Miller of Chicago visited his cousin, T. J. Miller, yesterday.
—There will be a medical lecture in the Y. M. C. A. parlor this evening at 7:30.
—Misses Effie and Maude Berry of Sterling are visiting here with their sister, Mrs. Thome.
—S. H. Spell has a bronze medal of "Independence" struck off in 1776. A rare relic of stirring times.
—Editor Kiner of the Geneseo News wishes that his enemies might all be elected Governor of Kentucky.
—Superintendent I. F. Edwards of Amboy is at the Nachusa House. He is about to move his household to Dixon.
—The home of J. W. Riesland of Sugar Grove is a scene of much happiness today. A fine baby boy claims all the attention.
—Robert Fargo and his son-in-law, Charles Schrader, and family are today starting for their new home at Emerson, Iowa.

—The sociable given at the Baptist parsonage by Mrs. Wm. C. Spencer, Mrs. G. W. N. Dietterich and Miss Addie Woodruff was most heartily enjoyed by all who were present.

—The sale of reserved seat tickets for the valentine masquerade party to be given by the Knights of the Macabees on Feb. 14, will open tomorrow morning at Chas. A. Todd's store.

—Little Della Ankeny, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ankeny of West Dixon, who has been ill, is improving and has been removed to her grandmother's at 159 West Chamberlin street.

—Fred Stoldorf and Miss Lottie Pulser were married at Clinton, Iowa, January 11, 1900. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pulser, north of Geneseo. They will reside on a farm in Lee county.

—Some one who lost some money on the street yesterday would probably like to know what became of it. If they can prove ownership it may be well to call at Justice Scott's office, where it awaits its rightful owner.

—The start for the Royal Neighbor social at A. M. Smith's, on the Palmyra road Monday evening, will be made at 7:30 o'clock. West End friends will meet at the home of Estella Osborne; up town members at Bunnell's drug store.

—One of the most accomplished lady violinists in this city is Miss Hazel Barber, daughter of Alderman Barber. She has consented to give a violin solo at the entertainment to be given by the Regulation Drum and Bugle Corps at the opera house on February 13th.

—Arthur McNally broke into a Spring Valley store, and was arrested by three policemen in the act of lugging off a pile of goods. Justice Thomas fined the man \$25 for being drunk and disorderly, and then remitted the fine, and let him loose without paying a cent. One of the policemen resigned. No wonder Spring Valley has a reputation for lawlessness second to none, when there is such juggling with justice.

—The Oswego, Kansas, Independent has resurrected an old banner which was carried in Populist processions during the campaign in 1896. Here are the inscriptions it bore:

"A vote for McKinley means more traps."
"McKinley's election means:
"10-cent corn.
"25-cent wheat.
"8-cent oats.
"\$1 per ton for hay.
"5 cents per pound for butter.
"3 cents a dozen for eggs.
"2-cent hogs.
"14 cents for fat cattle.
"No money to carry on business."
The Kansas Populists who are now voting the Republican ticket again would give something if they could hide this and similar reminders of their former folly from view now.

Why Misrepresent Facts?

We are sorry for Belvidere, some of whose people seem to be suffering from a similar affliction to that from which Dixon has finally recovered; but that the Daily Republican of that city should say "it is clearly established that the contagion came from Dixon," and then go on to prove it by stating things that are not so, is clearly unjust. After mentioning various cases that have just made their appearance, the Republican says, "The cases all originated from the same source. Mrs. Stoner and her little girl went to Dixon to stay with her folks and shortly came back to Belvidere to sell her household furniture and move to Dixon. While here her child was ill and was covered with a rash." The paper then goes on to say that one family (Green) caught the disease by using bedding sold by Mrs. Stoner; and that articles of Mrs. Stoner's furniture were sold to various people; "therefore we have Dixon to thank for the present cases of 'Cuban itch,' as the Dixonites are pleased to call it."

Mr. Stoner, who is a blacksmith, and apparently a truthful man, called to see us this morning, and in explanation says that his child did have a slight rash while in Belvidere, but of so slight a character that no physician was called. That no one could have caught the disease from using bedding sold by his wife, as none of their bedding was sold. That the few articles of furniture that were sold, were not purchased by "various people," but were all sold to Mrs. Strong, none of whose family have been afflicted, so many who did not purchase anything seem to be afflicted. Furthermore, that his child's rash and the whole subsequent transaction transpired so long ago that if the trouble in Belvidere were attributable to that source, it would, according to the best medical authority, have made its appearance long ago. He thinks this rumor originated in a little spite work on the part of a certain doctor of that city who is indebted to him for a pretty large bill of horse-shoeing, and whose enmity he may have incurred by some pretty sharp dunning.

Barnes' Table Talk.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Feb. 7, 1900.

The first duty of every Republican at the present time is to make certain that he will attend the primaries. This is the first step in the ladder of success.

The postmaster of this city is supporting Governor Tanner for United States Senator. This looks a little queer, now, don't it? Especially when he received his appointment thru Senator Cullom.

We are having a red-hot fight between the Cullom and Tanner factions down here. Each is accusing the other of all manner of sins, and to a man up a tree, it looks as if both sides were guilty. The Cullom people are calling the Tanner crowd liars, and the Tanner folks are yelling: "You're another." The Democrats are tickled, and the Republicans who are not holding a job under either faction, are smiling at the rage of the office-holders, and so it goes. After the conventions are all over, these quarrelsome people will be found shoulder to shoulder whooping it up for their party's nominees and the angel of peace will blush as she remembers all the naughty things that were said. Such is politics.

Some one says: "The secret of success in life for a man is to be ready for his opportunity when it comes," and the advice is good, providing you don't get hold of some other man's opportunity. I started out once to grasp an opportunity that seemed to be coming my way, and I haven't got over the shock yet. It was a very pretty opportunity with a good bank account to back it, but her father objected to my taking it, and in the general mix-up that happened immediately I lost the opportunity, also a front tooth and considerable gore, and ever since that date I have been a little shy on opportunities, unless they might come in the form of an invitation to sample a cough cure or a microbe exterminator.

W. J. BARNES.

Steinmann's College.

Rev. Leek of the M. E. church of this city led chapel services Thursday morning. His prayer was fervent and full of the spirit; his remarks were fraught with cheer and solid advice, where students were admonished to persevere and stick to their ideal.

The Philomatheon society have prepared a good program for tonight—Friday.

If some of our students did not get to Lee Center, Wednesday night, it was because they did not try to get there.

The Intercollegiate debate occurs tonight at Fulton, Ill., between students of the college there and some of our students.

Y. O. Johnson has been filling a good position with the Appleton Manufacturing Co., at Batavia for some time.

Fred Perkins has recently accepted a position in the office of the Brunswick-Balke-Callender Co., of Chicago.

Million.

In 1900 a million dollars will be expended upon the Hennepin canal.

There are over a million dollars now ready in the fund. So the work will go ahead without waiting for the wealth.

As the entire canal is to cost about seven millions, and four or five millions have been expended, this proves that it will be a big year in construction work.

Immense deposits may be expected in the banks of Annawan, Atkinson and Geneseo to pay the men.

It will be lively times north of town, and probably in town, especially about pay days.

Still the fact is that we have heard hardly any complaint of the canal workmen up Tiskilwa and Wyandott way, and we get papers from both places.

Contractors promptly fire out brawling, drunken men. They disturb the good men, and are a burden and a drawback. Plenty of good men are to be had.

So the canal workmen of today differ from the canal workmen of a generation ago, when the greatest drunkard and fighter was the hero of the camp.

Now they are industrious, order-loving men, and the bosses allow mighty little foolishness. —Geneseo News.

College Party.

Mrs. Trip of West First street gave a pleasant surprise party last evening in honor of John Weber. About thirty young people of the college were present. The affair was a farewell for Mr. Weber, who left Dixon today for his home. A fine musical program was rendered. Delicious refreshments were served and games of all sorts were very popular.

Mr. Weber has just finished the business course at the college and is considered as quite a promising young man. Last night will long be remembered by him and by all who were present as one of genuine good cheer.

An Ice Gorge.

The river is gorged with ice at the bend between the Truman and Fuller farms and the water above has overflowed the Hugh Bennett farm to the Grand Detour road. Myers Island is under water and the gorge is a great sight.

Flood at Prophetstown.

By telephone from Sterling we learn that an ice gorge at Prophetstown raised Rock River eleven feet at that place and made the bridges impassible. The water is receding.

Property Transferred

Flora L. Seals to E. L. Johnson, lot 21 Maxwell's add Dixon—\$2000.
Frank Reynolds to David R. McLaughlin, pt sec 24 Wyoming—\$450.
Joseph Korns to S. S. Royer, pt nw q sec 29 Dixon—\$6400.
Claude Gehant to Arthur F. Gehant, pt sw q sec 14 pt sec 15 Bradford—\$5000.
Claude Gehant to Edw. F. Gehant, pt sec pt sw q sec 15 Bradford—\$5800.
Erl Bates to Hiram U. Bates, pt 17 b 12 Ashton—\$150.
Mary A. Hawley to A. Clinton Warner, pt 18 and 9 bk 17 Dixon—\$6000.
A. Clinton Warner to Carrie B. Judd, pt lot 4 b 13 North Dixon—\$300.
Alphens Prescott to S. E. Johnson, pt lots 1 and 2 b 51 North Dixon—\$3500.

From Amboy Journal:

Hiram Noble of May has bought the flock of sheep of C. Nichols.

Mrs. J. B. Edams died suddenly at her home in this city this morning.

The LaSalle county farmers' institute will be held in Earlville, Feb. 13 and 14.

John Daniels' youngest son is seriously ill of pneumonia. The disease is prevailing to an alarming extent in this vicinity.

From Ashton Gazette:

Judge Watts of Dixon was in our village Friday on legal business.

Geo. Gonnermann of Dysart, Ia., was visiting relative and friends in this vicinity last week.

LEE.

Feb. 8.—R. B. Hunt was a business visitor in Waterman Monday.

George Stimpson went to Shabbona Monday.

Miss Annie Boyd is home from Iowa, where she has been visiting relatives for several months. A cousin accompanied her home.

Mrs. D. Colby has been visited by her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Delbridge of Malta, for a few days.

E. R. Coffield and family will move near Aurora soon.

Reuben Challand of Shabbona on Tuesday visited his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Cutts.

John F. Harris of Rockford Sundayed at home.

—Mrs. S. A. Schmorger, who has been visiting friends in this city for several days, has returned to her home in Sterling.

—The funeral of M. M. Miller will be from the house, 289 West First street, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

A Cork Safe.

"The most curious safe I ever saw," said a traveling man, "was a cork one, and it was made by an ingenious Dutch mechanic for a one time famous confidence man named Dr. Baggs, who operated in Denver, Salt Lake City and Frisco. The safe was a folding affair, made of paper on a backing of sheet cork, and when it was opened up, was six feet high and looked exactly like the real thing. As it was always placed in a corner, it had only two sides, but every visible detail was complete—combination knob, hinges, lettering, bolt heads and all. When folded, it could be carried in an ordinary dress suit case. Baggs used the thing in a fake lottery office which was of itself a marvel of trick furnishing."

"When the victim entered the place, it looked like an ordinary business establishment, with desks, railings, maps on the walls, safe in the corner and several clerks at work on books. The instant he left a roll top desk was opened up into a bed, the railing was folded together and slipped into a closet, a table was transformed into a washstand, a cabinet turned into a bureau, the safe was put away in its case, the curtains were pulled down, and the room was to all appearances a simple sleeping apartment. By that means the poor dupe was never able to find the place where he had been bunked." —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Red Tape Illustrated.

A correspondent passing hurriedly into the room of the committee on rivers and harbors pulled the knob off the door.

"How can I get that fixed, do you think?" asked the congressman. "Shall I get the carpenter or the locksmith?"

"The locksmith, I suppose." "No, sir. Were I to send for the locksmith he would tell me to consult the architect of the capitol. He has no authority to fix doorknobs. Doorknobs are permanent fixtures and are solely within the jurisdiction of the architect of the capitol."

"Do you see that bookcase there?" said the committee secretary. "I caused the carpenter to paste some cloth on the inside of the glass doors in order that the books might not show. He did the work, but when he had finished I noted that he had not cleaned the glass before he put the cloth on. The thing looked so disreputable that I asked him why he had not cleaned the glass. He told me that the glass was a permanent fixture and that he had no authority to touch it, but that the placing of the cloth upon it was a temporary matter and was entirely within the province of his labors. The whole thing's got to be done all over again." —Washington Cor. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

She Didn't Buy It.

The following story will show the high price that illustrators of reputation command for their work: A young woman who had received treatment from Dr. S. Weir Mitchell of Philadelphia and was very fond of him decided, at a recent celebration of his birthday, that a fitting and appropriate gift would be the presentation of one of the original drawings of Mr. Howard Pyle for "Hugh Wynne." Forthwith she invaded The Century company's sanctum and, with her fingers tenderly grasping a new \$10 note, asked to buy the drawing. She was informed that these pictures were never sold unless exceptions were made in cases where the artist himself or the author wished to make the purchase.

"Just so," said the young woman. "I wish to present it to Dr. Mitchell."

"Ah, in that case," said the gentleman at the desk, "we shall take pleasure in giving it to you at the exact price we paid for it, which is \$100."

The little lady in her excitement dropped the \$10 bill. The gentleman at the desk picked it up for her and smiled while she hurriedly took her departure. The good doctor was presented with a less appropriate gift that year. —New York Times.

Clear and to the Point.

The following is taken from a hotel advertisement in the Calcutta Times: "Gentlemen who come in hotel not say anything about their meals they will be charged for, and if they should say beforehand that they are going out to breakfast or dinner, etc., and if they say that they not have anything to eat they will be charged, and if not so they will not be charged, or unless they bring it to the notice of the manager of the place, and should they want to say anything they must order the manager for one, not any one else, and unless they bring not it to the notice of the manager they will be charged for the least things according to the hotel rate, and no fuss will be allowed afterward about it."

A Poultry Problem.

A Somerville man borrowed a neighbor's hen on the pretense that he wanted her to sit. As soon as he got the hen he broke up the sitting habit and got her to laying eggs. In the next six weeks she laid two dozen eggs. These he sold for 40 cents a dozen, and with the 80 cents that he got for them he bought the hen. Now the question arises whether the original owner of the hen was fooled or not. —Somerville Journal.

A Misleading Item.

Johnny—Old Mr. Skindint must be an awful generous man.
His Father—Why?
Johnny—The paper says he constantly keeps a good watch on everybody in his employ. —Jewelers' Weekly.

Japan is a corruption of the Chinese word Shi-pen-kue, which means "root of day," or "sunrise kingdom," because Japan is directly east of China.

The British soldier's dress was not always red. It was white in the reign of Henry VIII and dark green in the time of Elizabeth.

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THE WEATHER SHARP

A FORECASTER MUST BE A MANY SIDED SORT OF MAN.

It Requires Much Education and Training and a Wide Acquaintance With Scientific Subjects to Serve Uncle Sam in That Capacity.

A weather bureau man serving on station, whether he ranks as local forecast official, section director or observer or revels in the three combined, to be a credit to the service must be a man of education and training and, in addition to being, like Benjamin Franklin, a "philosopher, philanthropist and printer," should be a statistician, a geologist and a farmer. He must be able to prophesy of weather events to come and keep an accurate and comprehensive record of those past. He should be an electrician, too, and an astronomer, unaided by any star gazing paraphernalia with which to sweep the heavens for lost comets.

That a weather observer should be a philosopher is almost too evident to discuss, as the science he represents is based on natural laws, many of which yet remain to be discovered, and the weather bureau of today, with its remarkable achievements, would not be in existence had not thinking men turned into account their knowledge of physics and applied it to the various atmospheric changes until now the art of observing, forecasting and tabulating weather conditions follows in importance close on the heels of the science from which it sprang.

It would not seem that philanthropy could enter into an occupation where cold blooded calculations, facts and figures play so important a part, but it should be remembered that an observer is at all times ready to brave every climate for the benefit of mankind and science; that his stations are scattered from the edge of the arctic circle in Alaska to the tropical jungles of South America; that he should be equally competent to foretell a change of weather to the weary gold seeker on the Yukon, herald an approaching cold wave from his bleak post in the far northwest or recognize the incipient symptoms of a West India hurricane as it coils for a spring at our commerce in southern waters.

Although a printer is furnished to weather bureau stations whose publications are printed, yet there will often arise occasions when a knowledge of typesetting would greatly increase the value of an observer and prevent many a temporary break in the records of his station.

Statistics play no small part in a weather observer's work, and in order to compile useful data from which to deduce important facts in the future it is obvious that much depends upon records being intelligently as well as accurately kept. It is a popular belief among some that one day is the exact counterpart of some other; that back in some period of the world's history the atmosphere varied in pressure, the temperature rose and fell, the winds backed and veered and the clouds formed, changed their shape and melted away, each in their turn, with unvarying regularity, again and again, to be repeated in regular cycles as the unceasing mill of time grinds out the years. While many facts tend to prove the fallacy of this theory, climatic records do not yet extend far enough back to positively controvert it, and it rests with the weather observer in the future, with his accumulated data of centuries, to establish the truth.

The relation between climates and crops is so close that a knowledge of the latter is indispensable to the proper performance of an observer's duties, and he should also be geologist enough to study the soil in his state or territory with a view to determine its special adaptability to the various products. The success of the pioneer, the enjoyment of the tourist and the recovery of the health seeker depend not only upon the climate of a place, but upon its productions as well. The up to date farmer is no longer a creature of mere brawn and muscle. He relies as much upon the science of his occupation for success as he does upon the sweat of his brow, and the official who represents the climate and crop service of the weather bureau should be alive to all his needs and an unfailing source for any information he may require.

Many of the most important records of the weather bureau are now made by self registering machines which do their work with the aid of electric contacts, and while it is not necessary to be an Edison or a Tesla in order to understand the few principles of electricity involved, an observer should at least be master enough of the science of this subtle fluid to account for and remedy any defects in the workings of his instruments.—Monthly Weather Review.

Let Your Dog Search.

"It's a bit curious," said Mr. Dave Wilson, the bird fancier, "how animals are actuated by instinct. Have you ever owned a dog? Well, if you have, I'll warrant you've been annoyed by his scratching up a garden bed—your own or another's. And yet the dog does not mean to be mischievous. Some dogs there are who naturally take to digging. That is their breed, and they're after the animals that burrow in the soil. Of course there are the truffle dogs, who are educated to locate the plant and to dig for it, but that isn't a natural instinct. Aside from these instances, when a dog begins to scratch up the dirt, he is simply dulling the surplus growth of his nails. Dogs, you know, have no manicles, and so they must get rid of their surplus claws as best they may. Don't blame the dog when he scratches the dirt. Cut his claws carefully, and he will be grateful.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BLACKSMITHS' APRONS.

A Legend Which Explains Why They Are Always Notched.

The teacher of forging at the Manual Training High school, James Yule, told a story to his pupils which was reported as follows by the Indianapolis News. "Boys," said the teacher, "you have all seen Rembrandt Steele's decorative work, the blacksmith with the edges of his leathern apron notched. There's probably not one blacksmith in a hundred who knows why the apron is notched, and yet every blacksmith fixes his apron in this way, whether in America, England, Germany, France, Spain or Mexico.

"When I was a boy in England, where I learned my trade as blacksmith, when I got my first apron I sat down and with my knife began to notch the edges. One of the older men, seeing me at work, knife in hand, asked me if I knew what I was doing, and why I was doing it. I replied that I was doing what I had seen the other smiths do. Then he told me this legend:

"Once upon a time a king of England gave a great feast, to which he invited the masters of the various crafts in his kingdom. After they were seated at the table the king, passing from one to another, talked with them, asking questions as to their handiwork. At the head of the table sat the tailor, dressed in his best and looking very, very proud in his fine attire.

"In answer to the king's inquiry as to his trade he said: 'I am the tailor. I make the king's robes of state and the suits for his hawking and hunting.'

"With what dost thou do these grand things?" asked the king.

"With shears and needle," said the tailor.

"And who makes these rare tools for thee?" asked the king.

"The blacksmith," answered the tailor.

"Then the king, passing along the table, spoke to the carpenter, to the bricklayer, the mason and to other craftsmen. Each one told of the work he did for the king. But these, as did the others, acknowledged that it was the blacksmith who made the tools with which they did their work.

"At last the king came to the blacksmith, modestly seated at the very foot of the table, not clothed in as good apparel as the other craftsmen, but with a smutched face and a grimy leathern apron.

"Ho, ho!" said his majesty as the blacksmith rose in an awkward way, for he had no acquaintance with the manners of the court. "What dost thou make for thy king?"

"I make your armor and your sword when you go to war for the honor of the kingdom," stammered the smith.

"Yes," said the king, "and thou makest the sharp points to the arrows of my stout longbows and the heads to my spears and battleaxes. More than that—without thee there would be no tools for these craftsmen."

"The king then took the blacksmith by the hand. His blushes could even be seen through the smudge on his face, and, moving the tailor down to the foot, the king placed him at the head of the table.

"The tailor alone of all the craftsmen did not like this change of places, so, watching his chance, while the others were drinking the health of the king in great flagons of beer, he slipped under the table and with his shears cut the edges of the blacksmith's apron.

"And that is the way the blacksmith's apron came to be notched, and it has been worn so ever since."

A Full Description.

The effect of red tape on the official mind seems to be experienced by all who are brought up under the influence of the "circumlocution office."

A Parisian has picked up the following particulars of a conversation which passed in an emigration office:

The father of a family presented himself and asked for tickets.

"How many are you?" asked the agent.

"Three—I, my wife and my child."

"Good. Your age, your profession?"

"Thirty years, carpenter; my wife, 24, needlewoman."

"The boy?" asks the agent.

"Seven months."

"His profession?"

The father's eyebrows formed Gothic arches on his forehead.

"His profession, I say?" repeated the agent angrily. "We have no time to lose."

The father reflected and at last replied, "Bachelor"—London Telegraph.

Beating the Railroad.

There was a man in town recently who told of a scheme he worked to beat a railroad. "A friend and myself wanted to come from Omaha to Kansas City. He said to me, 'You buy a ticket only to the first station, and I will show you a good trick.' I bought a ticket as requested, while my friend bought a ticket for the full distance at the regular fare. We took a seat together in the train. The conductor came around, took up the tickets and put a punched train check in my friend's hat, indicating that he was ticketed through to Kansas City. When the conductor got out of sight, my friend took his knife and split the card. He put half into my hat and the other into his own. Both splits looked like a regular check, and I came right on through without paying any more fare. We divided the saving, which was more than \$2 each."—Kansas City Times.

The Benefit.

Widow's Daughter—Mother, why do you tell people that I am only 18 when you know I am 24?

Widow—Because 18's six years younger than 24.

Daughter—Yes, I know, but surely I do not need the benefit of those six years at my age, do I?

Widow—Not at all, my child—but I do.

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A Cuckoo Caught in the Act.

Everybody has read in the natural history books how the ungrateful young cuckoo makes room in its foster mother's nest by evicting the rightful occupants, hatched and unhatched. As, however, few people have had the good fortune to see a young cuckoo, it has been rather difficult to understand exactly how the ingrate managed to turn out eggs and squabs.

A patient naturalist, John Craig, has now solved the mystery, and in *The Feathered World* there are two photos, taken under his auspices, of a young cuckoo in the very act of murdering a stepbrother. When the outline of the young cuckoo in the two pictures is once grasped, one can see how well suited for its fell purpose is the position it takes up. Head well down, legs wide apart gripping either side of the nest, wings outstretched to prevent any slipping back sideways, the unfortunate victim well poised on its broad back, the curious depression in which serves to steady it—the attitude is perfect for accomplishing the final act in the curious tragedy of nature by which a cuckoo is reared at the expense of the family of its foster parents.

What Is Science?

"Trained and organized common sense" is Professor Huxley's definition of science. There is probably no better.

The popular mind persists in thinking that there is a wide difference between science and knowledge in general. Yes, there is a wide difference, but it is just the difference that there is between a trained and organized body of men for the accomplishing of some great work, and a crowd of men unorganized and undisciplined. What unscientific knowledge has accomplished may be roughly seen in the condition of savage races today; while the changes wrought by knowledge trained and organized, in enlarging the sum of knowledge, in extending men's power of perception, and in increasing the facilities not merely for living, but for living well, are changes in comparison with which all others recorded in history are trifling.

It will be profitable for us, in order to get a clearer idea of scientific method, to trace as briefly as possible the history of science and the development of the scientific idea.—Popular Science Monthly.

The Longest Swim.

Going with the tide, in the Thames river, Captain Matthew Webb once swam a distance of 40 miles in nine hours and 57 minutes. Montague A. Holbein, an English "long distance cyclist," swam three miles farther, although he made no such time record.

Taking the water at Blackwall pier in the early morning, says the London Chronicle, Holbein went down the river on a strong ebb, which ran until he had progressed two miles beyond Gravesend. Turning then with the tide, he came back to the pier at Blackwall. He failed to reach the pier by a mile owing to the tide failing him, and he left the water quite fresh and strong, willing, had his friends so advised, to turn again and complete 50 miles.

The distance he had thus covered—43 miles, which he swam in 12 hours 27 minutes 42½ seconds—is the greatest ever known to have been covered by a swimmer, although it has been assumed that Matthew Webb, when he crossed the channel, must have been borne almost as far by the changing tides.

The Waiter Knew 'Em.

A down town restaurant was in the turmoil of the busy dinner hour. Careworn business men rushed in and swallowed a lunch as though millions depended on their haste. Waiters balanced steaming platters on the tips of their little fingers with the ease of Japanese jugglers, and everything seemed confusion. Yet there was a certain degree of discipline among the waiters, and they seemed to know their customers and their usual choice of dishes. For instance, when a pair of lantern jawed actors without an engagement entered, the waiter that listened to the order yelled out to the cook, "Two supes and a Hamomelet!"—Detroit Free Press.

The Benefit of Gargling.

If only people would wash their mouths twice or thrice daily with an antiseptic, there would be far less disease than there is now, since most disease germs are taken into the mouth and from thence into the system. One of the best and simplest of antiseptics is carbolic acid and water. There is a difference in the strength of carbolic acid purchased at different chemists, so one should ask the chemist how much of the solution should be put into a tumbler of water. Hold a little of this mixture in the mouth, and if you can do so gargle the throat three times a day, and all disease germs that may be lurking there will perish.—Home Notes.

Cornet Playing and Dimples.

Do you want dimples? Of course you do, for dimples are the soft wells into which love is sure to fall. Every one would make love a prisoner. Then, since you would have dimples, learn to play the cornet.

All cornetists have dimples. The fair sex is learning this and is bringing into vogue a new fad. Women are practicing on the cornet—not for music's sake. Bless you, no! But for the cultivation of dimples. If they practice faithfully, the dimples are sure to come.—Kansas City Independent.

A Slight Return.

"The last laundry I patronized was the worst I've struck yet."

"In what way?"

"Why, I sent 'em six collars, and all I got back was the buttonholes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE ORIGIN OF TEA.

AN INTERESTING LEGEND OF THE FLOWERY KINGDOM.

The Myth of Prince Darmal's Amputated Eyelids. From Which Sprang the Plant That Gives Us the Cup That Cheers, but Doesn't Inebriate.

In the youthful years of the nineteenth century the proposal was made seriously, but apparently not entertained seriously, to make the tea plant the national flower of the United States. And why? Because the advocates of tea urged that it was the emblem of resolution, and by some roundabout mental process they argued that the resolution displayed by strong tea was emblematical of the agency of tea in molding the destinies of the American people at the celebrated Boston tea party.

As a matter of fact, tea is much more popular now in the United States than it was when the whimsical proposition was made. We are not yet, like the English, a nation of tea drinkers, but tea is now on every restaurant bill of fare—real tea and not pale yellow water. Most housewives know how to make it, and afternoon tea is an established institution.

Few persons know the Chinese myth of the origin of tea. A Chinese historian, to whom, as he has been dead for many thousands of moons and hundreds of years, a grateful acknowledgment of indebtedness is hereby made, tells the story. He says that in the early part of the sixth century Prince Darmal, the son of an Indian king, landed in the Celestial empire.

Darmal was a missionary. He took the utmost pains to spread throughout China a knowledge of the Hindoo god and of the most remarkable of the Hindoo true religions, that which in recent years enlisted the sympathies and sometimes the active championship of Sir Edwin Arnold and other thinking men. This missionary prince must have met with success, for all Chinese are not followers of Confucius; a great many of them are Buddhists.

Prince Darmal, to stimulate others by what he thought a good example, subjected himself to privations of every kind. He spent the greater part of his time in the open air. He prayed frequently, and he often performed long fasts. In one of his fasts he vowed that he would keep awake, but the flesh overcame the spirit, and he fell asleep. When he awoke, he was still drowsy, but he roused himself by a desperate effort, and, determined to make amends for his violation of his oath of wakefulness, he cut off his offending members—his eyelids—and threw them on the ground.

Next day, after being awake all night—having no eyelids, he could not sleep; that is the logic of the story—he found that his cast off eyelids had taken root in the soil and had sprung up into a shrub the like of which the earth had never before produced. He plucked and ate some of the leaves of the shrub. He became exhilarated. His strength was restored. His drowsiness left him, and he became more wide awake than ever before.

In fact, he never again missed his eyelids. Whenever he felt sleepy or tired he ate some of the eyelid leaves, which may account for the modern expression "Go, eat your eyelids." Darmal recommended the wonderful plant to his disciples and followers, by whose means its reputation increased and since whose time it has been used generally.

In due course of time some careless Chinese servant spilt a cup of boiling water over a bowl of the eyelid leaves, and drinking up the liquor in order that his carelessness might not be detected, was astonished at the result. With pitying and superior glances he watched his master and his master's family and guests eat the tea leaves. Then, throwing himself upon the ground, he acknowledged his fault, for they had been complaining that the leaves were rather damp, and infused for them all the liquor of the leaves in the simplest fashion, which is the Chinese fashion into this day—putting the leaves into cups and pouring boiling water over them.

It is to be hoped that no one will think any the less of tea when he learns that it belongs to the natural order ternstroemia. Lindley remarks that, although many of the plants of this order come chiefly from China and America, after all they form an inconsiderable part of the whole number belonging to it.

China contains seven or eight, North America four or five, while 60 or 70 are beautiful trees and shrubs, natives of the woods of South America. About 20 varieties are known in the East Indies, and one comes from Africa. India and Ceylon teas are almost as well known as Chinese.

The plant is called by the Chinese *tea* or *tha* and in Malay it is *teh*. English speaking people used to pronounce it *tay*, as the French do, spelling it *the*, and the Germans, who spell it *thoe*, at the present time. Pope, the English poet, rhymed it with *obey*, away and stay at various times in various poems.—New York Press.

Point Not Well Taken.

"It seems to me," said the magazine editor, condescending to point out some of the flaws in the literary style of the contributor, "you use a faulty figure of speech when you speak of a 'brave old hearthstone.' How can a hearthstone be brave?"

"Well, sir," said the contributor, "the one I am writing about has been under fire for nearly 40 years without flinching."—Chicago Tribune.

He Got It Anyway.

"You say the man stole your umbrella?"

"Well, I don't want to be too sure about it. He may have been the original owner."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Dangerous Game.

Italians in Rome have a delightful little game, which is called the "passatella." It is played mostly nowadays in low drink shops, and, as it leads frequently to murder, the police are anxious to stop it.

Round a table some men are smoking. At the head sits a man with a flask of wine and a glass before him. He is the president of the party. All the company, including the president, have paid for that flask of wine, but not one of them can drink a drop of it unless the president gives permission. He, however, may drink as often as he likes. When he passes the glass to another, that other may drink until the president cries "Stop!" and the glass is passed on to the next. Sometimes the "stop" comes before a single drop is drunk. This is the fun for the others who are allowed to drink.

A good natured president rarely repeats this joke, but it sometimes happens that he has a grudge against one of the men, and then the unfortunate victim sits the whole evening, smoking and frowning, while he sees all the others drink. This is making an "Olmo" of him. And woe to a president who would make an "Olmo" of the same man twice, for he would soon have a knife run across his throat. It is the frequency of such a tragic end that causes the police to try to prevent the game when possible.

Modern Meaning of the Word Gun.

"The evolution of the word 'gun' forms an interesting study in up to date etymology," remarked one of a party of newspaper men. "A dozen years or so ago we all understood gun to mean a fowling piece—a shotgun as distinguished from a rifle or musket. Heavy and light ordnance—in fact, all pieces of artillery, without regard to size—were known as cannon. That, of course, was where people made an effort to speak English. Out on the frontier the word gun was applied exclusively to pistols.

"Nowadays the nomenclature has curiously changed. By degrees the good old word gun has become monopolized by the long, slim, murderous machines that constitute our modern artillery. We speak of quick firing guns, eight inch, ten inch, twelve inch guns, and the word seems singularly apropos. They are not cannon. Cannon immediately suggests the big, lumbering, black throated smoothbores of the past. The word conjures up all sorts of curious antique pictures—swabbers naked to the waist, motionless men holding lighted matches, frigates hatched together and firing into each other's ports, sepoys bound to the muzzle, neat geometric pyramids of round shot in neat, geometric forts, the charge of the Light brigade and lots of other things too numerous to mention."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

What a Brier Pipe Really Is.

The so called brier pipe is not made of brier at all. "Brier" is a corruption of the French word "bruyere," meaning heather, and the misnamed brier is in reality the wood of the heather. This peculiar corruption, like many others, is solely due to the English tradesman, who, finding the correct word "bruyere" somewhat difficult for the British tongue to negotiate, quickly reduced it to the more familiar "brier," and the word has been known by that name ever since.

The heather thrives in great profusion on the rocky slopes of the Tuscan Alps in North Italy and on the mountain sides in Corsica. A little is also to be found in Algeria, though this is not of a sufficiently high quality to be used for the best English pipes. A few years ago the plants flourished on the French side of the Jura mountains, but this supply has long since been exhausted.

The only brier to be obtained at the present day from France grows in the Alps Maritimus, near Nice, but even in this neighborhood the root is so scarce that it would not pay the peasants to work it. Hence there is no such term as "French brier."

Dodging Shells in Battle.

An old army officer, speaking of dodging shots and shells in battle, said that in all his years of experience he had only seen three or four shells actually in the air, and they came from the gun he himself fired.

He explained that there are a few guns with somewhat slow muzzle velocity, and the men firing these can sometimes catch a glimpse of the shells in their flight, but it would be impossible for any man to see a shot coming toward himself.

Dodging shells is done by getting under cover immediately before a gun is actually fired.

"For instance," said the officer, "if I were climbing a hill, at the top of which a gun was directed against me, I could tell exactly when a shell was likely to come bounding along. Before the order is given to fire the men in charge of the piece 'stand clear,' and that is the warning note, so to speak. Keep your weather eye on the gun directed against you, and when the gunners stand clear you dodge the shot."—London Standard.

Some One Was Tempted.

In the course of an address delivered one afternoon at Mount Hermon Mr. Moody referred to a wooded elevation as "Temptation point." One of the trustees remarked that he had never heard the spot called by that name before.

"Neither have I," the speaker replied.

"Why did you hit upon such a name as that?" came the inquiry.

"Oh," said Mr. Moody, "because I thought that some day some one might be tempted to erect a chapel for us on that point."

The remark was duly repeated, and his wish has since been gratified, for a beautiful stone chapel now adorns the little hill.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Millions Given Away.

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Hidden by dusk and dust they lie
Under the spacious eaves;
Rusty and broken and all awry,
The castaways of years gone by,
The gloomy depth receives.

Leather bound books of quaint design
With yellow and well frayed leaves
(Chiefly telling of things divine),
A cracked decanter enlabeled "Wine"
Under the gloomy eaves;

A tiny cricket, a broken chair,
A brindle cowhide trunk,
A strange old stove, so rough and square,
Filled with rusty cooking ware
And other kitchen junk;

A little cradle, rude and plain—
How fancy round it weaves
The tale of mother joy and pain,
That all these fleeting years had lain
Under the gloomy eaves;

And so to each poor castaway
Some tender fancy clings,
The gentle voice that oft did say,
"Oh, save it yet another day!"
Under the spacious eaves.

—H. B. Richardson in Boston Courier.

The Romance Of a Lost Nickel.

And How It Got Into
The Possession of Its
Rightful Owner.

By W. R. Rose.

He had come to Cleveland to accept the offer of an extensive manufacturing concern. They wanted a first class chemist; they were about to conduct extensive experiments. Rupert Pratt had been highly recommended by eastern experts, and they engaged him. It was an excellent situation, with a fine salary and the certainty of liberal rewards if the experiments he was conducting turned out winners. He liked his position, he liked the city, and yet he was lonely.

Rupert Pratt was slow at making friends. He had never overcome a natural shyness. In all his school career he possessed but one strong friend. They had parted the day after they took their degrees. If Tracy Grant had remained with Rupert, under the same roof, sharing his thoughts and aspirations, it would have been different. But when Tracy left him Rupert slipped back into his hermit ways. He studied, he experimented, he took long walks and rides. But he made no friends, and his heart hungered for human companionship.

Early in November he had occasion to visit the east end. One of the officers of the company was convalescing from a long illness and had expressed a desire to hear the bright young chemist describe to him the results of certain important experiments he had been conducting. Roger boarded the Euclid car at Erie street late in the afternoon and found it pretty well filled. He took a seat about the middle of the car and, drawing a letter from his pocket, perused it with great interest. It was from Tracy Grant, from Hongkong, where Tracy had secured, through the influence of English friends, a position as manager of an exporting house. It was a bright, cheery letter, and it did Rupert good.

"Let me know when you finally settle down," the writer said. "You tell me you have an excellent offer from the west. Have you accepted it? And where is it? You don't write half enough about yourself, dear boy. I particularly want to know where you are going, because my little sister has just finished college and is to reside with our aunt, and it is possible that you will become acquainted, a consummation devoutly to be wished."

The car stopped, and Roger was aware that a young woman had come aboard. He looked up and found she was standing in the aisle beside him. It was only a hasty glance that he gave her, but he was aware that she possessed a face that was strongly attractive and that her eyes were perhaps the tenderest and the brightest he had ever seen. He crumpled up his letter and, quickly rising, offered her his seat. She accepted it with thanks. A moment later she had deftly crowded up the two women who occupied the seat and made room for Rupert. As she pointed to the vacant place he noticed that she looked at him a little curiously. It was a ladylike scrutiny, but Rupert found it confusing.

A moment later the conductor came up the aisle. Rupert hastily felt in his pocket and passed out a nickel. The young woman handed the conductor a dime. That official promptly returned her the nickel which Rupert had just given him and which he had retained in his hand. As it fell in her neatly gloved palm Rupert started and turned pale. He recognized the coin. It was his dearly prized pocket piece, the pocket piece Tracy Grant had given him, with the alleged Hindoo hallmark on one side, which meant, according to Tracy, "I am never lonesome," and that in turn meant, according to Tracy, that the talisman would always attract other coins to the owner's pocket. "Cherish it like the apple of your eye," said Tracy, "until you meet the girl who is to win your love and wear your name, and then have it made into a bangle for her with Brother Tracy's best wishes."

And here was this precious token of a David and Jonathan friendship slipping into the dainty purse of a strange young woman. What could he do? He must ask her for it. Could he summon up the courage? He tried. He framed the words he would use. He moistened his tongue.

Then the car suddenly halted at a cross street, and while his attention was momentarily distracted the young woman arose and, giving him a bright look that was so unmistakably friendly that it almost took his breath away, alighted from the car—with the nickel of course.

Rupert softly groaned. This would

never do. The car was in motion. He hastily strode back to the platform and leaped lightly to the pavement. When he reached the corner of the street down which the young woman had turned, he saw her ascending the steps of the second house, a handsome stone residence on the west side of the street.

Then Rupert's courage wilted again. He turned and walked up the street. He wheeled about and came back. He couldn't give up that precious nickel.

He walked to the house in which he had seen the charming young woman disappear, and boldly ascending the steps pressed the bell button. A neat serving maid answered the summons. Rupert felt in his pockets. He hadn't a card with him.

"I wish to see the young lady of the house," he said.

The maid looked at him sharply. Something about his appearance must have softened her heart.

"Come in," she said, "and I will call Miss Leslie. What name, please?"

"The name," replied Rupert, "is of no consequence. Tell her a gentleman desires to see her for a moment or two." And he wondered at his own boldness.

The maid disappeared, and almost immediately a handsome, elderly lady with a motherly look came into the room.

"You wished to see my niece?" she inquired, with a rapid glance that took in the caller's general appearance. Rupert slightly flushed. He bowed and hesitated.

"I came on a somewhat peculiar errand," he stammered. "If your niece is the young lady whom I saw entering the house a few moments ago, she is the person I wish to see."

"My niece entered the house a few moments ago," said the elderly lady, "but she is at the present time engaged. I infer that you are a stranger. Can you tell me the nature of your business?"

"I have come, madam," stammered Rupert, who was finding this ordeal very trying indeed, "I have come for a nickel."

The elderly lady looked astonished. "I would not infer from your appearance," she said, "that your circumstances could be so—so straitened."

Rupert wiped his forehead. "You misunderstand me, madam," he said. "I am not asking charity. I—I simply want to exchange nickels with your niece."

"How very extraordinary!" murmured the old lady.

"It is, indeed," said Rupert, and he wished himself at the other end of Ohio. In fact, he was just about to bolt through the hall door when with a little swish of drapery the young woman he had seen on the car came into the room. Somehow her appearance called back Rupert's courage.

He paused and faced her with a bow. "Will you kindly listen while I explain this intrusion?" he asked. Then he hurriedly added: "I sat next to you on the car this afternoon. In handing the conductor my fare I inadvertently gave him a nickel that I value very highly. It was the gift of a dear friend now far away. This nickel the conductor gave you in change. I saw and recognized it as it dropped into your hand. I have come here to beg of you to permit me to redeem it."

He paused, and the ladies looked at each other. "It is quite an extraordinary story," said the young woman, and Rupert heard her voice for the first time, and a charming voice it was.

"Just what I remarked," said the aunt.

"Just what I am prepared to admit," said Rupert.

"It might, of course, be true," said the young woman.

"It might," said the elderly lady doubtfully.

"It is," said Rupert. He gathered himself up again. "If you will take the trouble to look in your purse, you will find the proof."

"I will look," said the young woman. "It will necessitate my going up stairs," she turned in the doorway. "Did you say your name was on the coin?"

"No," said Rupert; "there is only a cabalistic sign on it."

She turned again. "Will you be seated, Mr. —?" She paused expectantly.

"Tracy—Rupert Pratt," replied the young man. "Thank you." And he sat down. As he did so a lightning glance passed between the ladies. And then the younger lady disappeared.

"There was one thing in your favor," said the elderly lady, with a friendly smile. "Lena, our maid, never admits suspicious looking strangers. The fact that she let you in is greatly to your credit."

Rupert laughed. "It may be to my credit," he said, "and yet I have never been prepared to admit that there was the slightest suggestion of a suspicious character in my general appearance. At the same time I will acknowledge that I have felt during the last quarter of an hour as much like a confidence man as it is possible for an innocent youth to feel."

And then the young woman reappeared.

"It is too bad," she said, "but just as I was entering my room my purse dropped to the floor and scattered the coins in every direction. Your nickel must have hidden itself with great care, because I failed to find it."

Rupert hastily arose.

"I'm very sorry to have put you to all this annoyance," he said, "and I'm especially sorry that I have been unable to prove the honesty of my purpose in intruding upon you. Good afternoon."

"One moment," cried the young woman. "I haven't given it up yet. I will make a more thorough search, and you must call again."

"Come tomorrow evening if you are not engaged," said the elderly lady.

Rupert stammered that it would be a pleasure and a moment later was

hurrying down the street to catch a car. He felt strangely exhilarated. She certainly was a remarkably pretty girl. And somehow the remembrance of her looks softened the thought of the ordeal through which he had just passed.

He called the next evening and found that the precious nickel was still undiscovered. Miss Leslie had been too busy to make the promised search. And yet Rupert stood on through the evening—and there had never been an evening in all his recollection that could compare with it. When he started to go, the elderly lady suggested that he might like to come up Sunday evening and accompany them to church. And the bashful Rupert accepted the suggestion without a murmur.

On the way home from church on one never to be forgotten evening the elderly lady had suddenly startled Rupert by inviting him to dine with Miss Leslie and herself.

And so Rupert enjoyed the most delightful meal that ever was eaten—but the nickel did not turn up.

Pretty soon he began to call without being specially invited—and after a little while he never alluded to the nickel. Sometimes he felt quite dazed by his good fortune and by the remarkable assurance he displayed in accepting it. Yet he was a shy lover still.

He asked no questions; he took everything for granted—much as if he were living through a delightful dream and feared he would awaken if he moved. Why, it was a fact that he didn't even know the lovely girl's full name. She was Miss Leslie to him as to the household, and he could invent many delightful names to call her when he was not at her side.

One evening, it might have been six weeks since the memorable day he lost the nickel, he was with Miss Leslie in the little reception room at Mrs. Morgan's, for that was the elderly lady's name.

Suddenly the sweet gray eyes looked up at him.

"I have found the nickel," said the gentlest of voices.

"Have you?" cried Rupert. Then his voice changed. "Really?" he went on. "I don't believe I'm half glad over its recovery. It brought me such wonderful luck, you know, the day it disappeared."

"Then you do not want it?" she softly questioned with a blush.

"I am not as anxious about it as I was," replied Rupert.

"Then," said the gentle voice, "why not give it to me?"

Rupert started. "If I dared," he muttered.

"Dared what?" asked the young woman.

To Rupert's ears it sounded like a defiance.

"This is madness!" he murmured. He caught Leslie's hand. "Will you be my wife?"

She dropped the veiling lashes over the bright gray eyes.

"I—I accept the nickel," she stammered and blushed as she said it and gave him the other hand.

A little later she drew him toward the mantel.

"Rupert," she said, "you're the victim of a mild conspiracy. I knew you that very first day. I knew the nickel. I told auntie who you were."

"You knew me?" cried the dazed Rupert.

"I knew all about you through Tracy's glowing praises. I am Leslie Grant, Tracy's sister."

"What?" cried Rupert, sinking into a chair. "Tracy's sister? Then you knew about the nickel?"

"I knew all about it," said Leslie demurely. "And then, too, we had your photograph. Look here."

She reached behind the clock and drew the portrait into sight.

Rupert gazed at it with a dazed expression.

"We'll put a frame of gold on it," he murmured.

"On your portrait?" laughed Leslie.

"No," said Rupert solemnly; "on the nickel."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"The Gentle Dove."

I am almost afraid to say that the great amount of kind feeling, sympathy and regard bestowed upon doves in general is wasted upon the underserving. To all keepers of doves and pigeons the pugnacious disposition exhibited by birds of this class is well known, although the means of inflicting injury upon each other is somewhat limited in consequence of the comparative want of weapons. Not being armed with claws, spurs and a powerful beak like most gallinaceous birds, they not only do battle with a somewhat weak bill, but strike each other with the wing joint. The heavy blows thus inflicted by the aid of the powerful pectoral muscles would perfectly astonish any one who received it, and although they seldom kill each other, they are prone to quarrel, fight and keep up a very determined disagreement.—Bartlett's "Wild Animals in Captivity."

Where the Gems Came From.

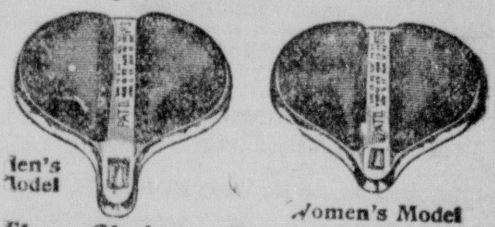
A speaker at a Sunday school teachers' meeting touched upon certain things a child should be taught and said the teacher ought to be very sure that the child understood its lesson, giving the following story as an illustration:

A teacher asked a class for a definition of the word "jewel." The answer came quickly. "A jewel is a gem." The teacher not being sure that they knew what a gem was questioned them further. What is a gem? Then there was silence. Finally one little girl piped up, "Gems comes from gem pans."

Now, said the speaker, if a child thinks a jewel is a gem and gems come from gem pans the child's idea of the time "when he cometh to make up his jewels" will be a very peculiar one.—Reading Herald.

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No. 16... 6:30 am... A	No. 7... 2:47 pm... C
No. 2... 7:04 am... A	No. 17... 7:14 pm... C
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No. 14... 8:48 am... C	No. 9... 1:05 pm... A
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THE WEATHER.

The following is the weather forecast telegraphed us at 9:50 o'clock a. m. today from the government observatory at Chicago:
Fair tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness and rising temperature with snow flurries by night.

WEATHER REPORT.

For the week commencing Feb. 4.

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Sunday	24	15	—
Monday	32	—2	—
Tuesday	34	21	—
Wednesday	50	25	.09
Thursday	58	12	.87
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—The swish of the Swishes will be heard tonight.

—Dixon Woman's Club will meet tomorrow afternoon in Schuler's hall.

—There is a new girl baby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Malia.

—Ex-Supervisor W. H. Gray is again very ill and was today taken to the hospital.

—Wesley Thompson of Ashton has moved to Dixon and is living in the West End.

—There is a baby girl at the home of James Rice, Monroe avenue and West Third street.

—Attorneys James, Wooster and Pool were up from Amboy today on legal business.

—Miss Anna Mulooley of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is visiting here with Miss Margaret Vail.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stone have gone to West Pullman where Mr. Stone has secured a good job in the shoe factory.

—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Springer of Amboy took place yesterday afternoon. She died Monday night of pneumonia.

—W. R. Parker came out last night from his studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago and will return this evening.

—The cake sale of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, at Perkins & Trein's millinery store will begin tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

—Mrs. Hulett, sister of Mrs. Frank Peacock, who has been here for the past nine months, started today for her home in Canada. She is a trained nurse and goes because her mother is ill there.

—If any of our advertisers discovered a mistake in the spelling of their names yesterday, the "Intelligent compositor" arises to explain that having run out of G's, he took the next letter, thus coming within one of being correct.

—The Woman's Club program as published in yesterday's TELEGRAPH is the correct one for Saturday, Feb. 10, the Educational program printed on Tuesday will be given Feb. 24. Both are excellent programs and should call out large audiences.

—Two Illinois Central brakemen, Charles Judd and William D. Ryan, are laid up at their homes in Freeport by injuries they received in the Chicago yards, the one having had his head, and the other his hand hurt. Mr. Judd had his accident Wednesday morning, and Mr. Ryan was hurt Tuesday night. Neither of the men was seriously injured.

—Rather acquiescent weather they have in Clinton. The "Age" of that city says: "Clinton had a wonderful experience in weather Saturday, when it lighted vividly, thundered with a deep low rumble and crash, at the same time it was snowing at a lively rate, the ground being covered with a coat of white, and in a moment the sun was shining and rain was mingled with the snow, only to hail a few moments afterward."

—The retail clerks of Sterling met Wednesday evening and formed a branch of the Retail Clerks' Protective Association, the object of which is the betterment of the condition of the employe without working any disadvantage to the employer. Many of the merchants of the city regard the movement with favor and expect it to be beneficial to business rather than a source of trouble; and why not? Really the interests of employer and employe should be in harmony.

—Dixon boys usually find their way back home at some time or other. We are reminded of this by a call this morning from Webster Beal, a brother of Horace Beal, whom many of our citizens will remember. He left Dixon in 1873, the year of the bridge accident, and after a western experience of many years, found his way to Chicago, which has been his home the past year. Now he comes back to the home of his boyhood, and has entered into partnership with Mr. Leath the upholsterer, and will make a specialty of sanitary bedding, and expects eventually to establish the wholesale manufacture of mattresses.

—At a church social in southern Minnesota last week during a kissing game a young man bestowed kisses on three women of the church. Shortly afterward the young man and the three young women were taken down with the smallpox. As a precautionary measure we suggest that until further notice and to prevent the dissemination of the pustular vesicles papules umbilicus sarcopes seabel de Porto Rico, that the osculatory ceremony be preceded by an exhibition by both parties of a duly authorized certificate of vaccination.—Ex.

This item does not emanate with Dr. Egan of Springfield; otherwise the young man would have been made to come from Dixon, as is the case with nearly all the cases reported from Springfield of late.

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5 cents for Saucers—Cups broken, All China reduced. Must be sold. See our fine ladies' and infants' wear. J. J. HYLAND, 65 First street. 80tf

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A Leath and D. W. Beal entered into partnership and are making arrangements to handle all kinds of bedding by D. W. Beal's process, which is on a sanitarium standpoint, employing 250 to 300 degrees of heat, destroying germs of all diseases caused by constant accumulation of perspiration. We would suggest that every household carefully consider this matter and not let this opportunity pass them by. Our place of business at 117 Hennepin avenue will be open for business in about ten days. 80tf

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better known in the year of '96, will give a roaring Farce Comedy in three acts and a big Vaudeville in the Opera House on Tuesday evening next, February 13th. Talent is selected from some of the best people who will be assisted by Prof. Smith's Orchestra. Noonday parade with the Henderson Shoe Factory Band. Prices 15c, 25c and 35c. 79tf

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The Best 5-cent Cigar in Town. Ask your dealer for it. J. R. Pollock's, 103 Galena Avenue. 94tf

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Said the poet, and the meal is really enjoyable when eaten at the dining rooms of The Mrs. Clark Co., 151-153 Wabash avenue, Chicago, or at the restaurant for men only, on the 7th floor of the Association building, 153 La Salle street, which is also run by this company. The cuisine and service are unexcelled. 3

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O'F' Austin Doughnuts' and "Salad Dressing" every Saturday afternoon at the Chicago Department Store. Also orders taken for Teas, Parties, Receptions and Weddings. MRS. S. G. AUSTIN. 78tf

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A COMPETENT girl for general housework. Apply at the fruit store, 169 Galena avenue. MRS. SIMON. 79tf

A FIVE or six room house within seven or eight blocks of business center. Possession wanted about March 15, 1900. Address E. L. W. General Delivery, Dixon, Illinois. 77tf

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IRON, copper, lead, zinc, rags, rubber, and bottles. Highest cash prices paid. Will call for same. Drop us a postal. RUBENSTEIN & SLABEDOWSKY 107 First St. 23412tf

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NEW five room cottage on Second street, two blocks west of College. \$985; easy payments. LOVELAND & STITELEY. 783f

A LOT worth \$800. Will sell it taken at once for \$625. Near Court House. LOVELAND & STITELEY. 773f

DESIRABLE Building Lots cheap, on South Galena avenue. Apply to J. H. MOORE. 250tf

WINE—I have several barrels of Old "Concord" Grape Wine, which I will deliver to any part of the city at \$2 per gallon in bulk or bottles, to suit customers. Orders thru Post Office promptly attended to. At 211 Hennepin avenue, two doors south of the new Schoolhouse. THOMAS ROBERTS. 238156

FOR RENT.

SEVEN room house No. 288 West Second street, well located. \$12. Call at Law Office. ROSE SCOTT. 79tf

TWO cottages in West Dixon at \$7.50 and \$8.75. Two cottages at Loveland Place, \$7.50 and \$8.50. One on Highland avenue at \$10.00. LOVELAND & STITELEY. 783f

SMALL Cottage on Hennepin avenue. Enquire of Mrs. FRANK L. SIMONSON, corner of Sixth street and Galena avenue. 775f

FOUR unfurnished rooms for a small family without children. Mrs. H. J. SCOTT, Call at 324 North Ottawa avenue. 75122f

GENTLEMEN wishing to secure bedroom without day board should enquire at this office. 290tf

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DAIRY Farm for rent, of 125 acres, 8 room brick house and cellar, 5 barns, outbuildings, scales, windmill, stanchions for fifty head of cattle, orchard, grapes, etc. One-half mile east of Court House on Franklin Grove Road, Dixon. Make offer, S. R. HARRIS, owner 189 La Salle street, Chicago, Illinois. Will be in Dixon February 11-12 to February 13th. Feb 12/4 7016

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A FINE seven room house, 373 West Fourth street, in good repair, city water, easy terms. LOVELAND & STITELEY. 793f

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FARM of 160 acres in Spink County, South Dakota. Will sell or trade for property in or out of city. FRED HEAVENS, 2 Boyd street, Dixon, Illinois. 7623f

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\$500. \$1000, \$3000 to loan at lowest rate \$5.00. of interest on real estate security. A. E. SIMONSON, Schuler Building. 243tf

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Collector of the town of Dixon, subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. EDWARD MORRIS, 326 West First street.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of the Town of Dixon subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. EDWARD MORRIS, 326 West First street.

I WISH to announce myself as a candidate for Township Tax Collector for the Town of Dixon, subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. DONALD F. HAYDEN.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector of the Town of Dixon subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. JOHN G. BRIDGES.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for the office of Tax Collector for the Town of Dixon, subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. DONALD F. HAYDEN.

I HEREBY announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor for the Township of Dixon, subject to the action of the Republican Caucus. JOHN E. MOYER.

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Men's Suit Department.

At the prices we are selling our men's suit, there should not be a man in Lee County without making a scramble to get one. Never in Retail History have you or will you be able to own one so good and at such a low price as now. We are heavily overstocked in Men's Fine Suits, and in order to turn them into money quickly, we have marked all our suits that formerly sold at \$15.00 \$13.50 and \$12.50 and offer the choice of them at a bargainary Low Price.....

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We simply ask you the question, How can you afford to miss such an opportunity as this? The Suits are on display in our Show Window.

Children's Clothing Dept.

Our inventory has revealed many opportunities for Boys' ages 4 to 15 years. Buy them school suits now, as never will they be so cheap again. We have them for 8c up. But we desire to call your attention to some finer ones which we have Reduced Radically in prices. Every child's suit that formerly sold at \$4.50 and \$3.50 we now offer them at.....

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Men's Fleece Lined Underware.....

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Men's Solid Leather Shoes.....

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